

## PYHSICIAN INFORMATION BULLETIN # 12

### PAYMENT FOR DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY & ULTRASOUND PROCEDURES

#### The Fund will reimburse trauma physicians for Diagnostic Radiology and Diagnostic Ultrasound Procedures.

Trauma physicians can bill for diagnostic radiology and diagnostic ultrasound procedures performed as a part of their scope of practice on an uncompensated care patient in a trauma center. The CPT code range eligible for reimbursement are:

Diagnostic Radiology –  
CPT Codes 70010 – 76499

Diagnostic Ultrasound –  
CPT Codes 76506 -- 76999

#### ILLUSTRATION

Mr. Jones received treatment in a Level III trauma center for injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Dr. Smith, an orthopedic surgeon in the trauma center, operates on Mr. Jones. In the course of the surgery, Dr. Smith requires radiological images to confirm the success of the procedure.

Dr. Smith's billing office submitted a charge to the Fund for Diagnostic Radiology using a CPT code between 70010 through 76499 to receive payment for Mr. Jones' examination in the trauma center.

#### Current News

- ◆ MHCC has conducted two education sessions, one in Cheverly and the other in Hagerstown, for trauma physicians and their billing staff. A third session is scheduled on:

- January 5<sup>th</sup> at Peninsula Regional Medical Center

The purpose of this meeting is to update participants on the changes in the application process, review Medical Assistance billing, and answer questions regarding the January 2005 submission.

- ◆ The deadline for submitting the next Uncompensated Care and On-Call Applications is **January 31, 2005**. MHCC encourages trauma physicians use the Excel spreadsheet version of the Uncompensated Care Application, which is available on MHCC's Web site at [www.mhcc.state.md.us/trauma\\_fund/\\_trauma.htm](http://www.mhcc.state.md.us/trauma_fund/_trauma.htm).